



THOSE YOU KNOW.

NOT TOO PERSONAL BUT JUST PERSONAL ENOUGH.

Bits of News and Gossip About Men Whom All Lovers of Shooting Know in Person or Through the Medium of General Fame.

Fred. Wakefield is now champion shot of the Fin and Feather Club, of Buffalo, N. Y., as he won the gold badge in two out of three contests.

The East Pittsburg (Pa.) Gun Club has arranged for an all-day shoot on New Year's Day. Practice shoots will be held by this club every Saturday, and the contests for the E. C. Cup will be held twice a month.

Dr. Carver defeated J. L. Winston ("147") four matches out of six shot, on Watson's grounds, at Chicago, Ill., last week. Winston won the first and second, and Carver took the other four. Carver killed 271 out of the 300, an average of 90.13 per cent., and Winston killed 252, an average of 84 per cent.

Frank Derr won the last monthly medal shoot of the Social Gun Club, of Norristown, Pa., by breaking 23 out of a possible 25 Blue Rocks.

Fred. Hoey, of Hollywood, N. J., shot a wonderful race at the Philadelphia Gun Club grounds, at Eddington, Pa., on Dec. 18, and killed 96 out of 100 live birds at 30 yards rise, 50 yards boundary. The birds were a selected lot and all blue in color. Fred seems to have recovered his old-time form.

Seth Clover and A. P. Pope are making all the necessary preparations for holding a good, big tournament at Erie, Pa., on Jan. 12, 13 and 14, 1897, and they know how to give the boys a good time and a pleasant shoot. Live birds and targets will be used, and Clover will have his funniest stories tuned up. Write to them for programme.

Dr. Williamson, of Milwaukee, has been under the weather for several days. He was not in the best of health before his match with Deiter a week ago, and the strain of killing 190 out of 200 live birds put him in bed. He is now regaining his strength, and will soon be ready to shoot some matches.

Chas. Grimm, of Clear Lake, Ia., defeated Dr. Carver for the "Cast Iron Medal" at Watson's shooting grounds, Chicago, Ill., on Dec. 23, by killing 98 out of 100 live birds, 30 yards rise, 50 yards boundary. Carver killed 96. This gives Grimm a championship medal, and a record for Watson's grounds, as 96 out of 100 was the best previous record, which was made by Grimm during the World's Fair in 1893. We congratulate Mr. Grimm on his fine shooting.

If J. A. R. Elliott should hold his "Star" live bird championship cup against Fulford it would be the correct thing to challenge Charlie Grimm, of Clear Lake, Ia., for the "cast iron" championship medal which Grimm just won from Carver. If such a match should be shot it would be well for the men to agree to let the winner hold both cup and medal. That would make the winner a real "champion live bird shot of America" and no one could dispute the title until somebody else got up a championship match and some other fellow came out winner. If the Kansas City "Star" cup and the "cast iron medal" were held by one man it would come pretty near to settling the question of live bird championship. Why not have both trophies go together? "As it now stands it keeps a champion shot real busy shooting for the different medals.

Dr. P. P. Breneman, of Lancaster, on Dec. 24 shot near Lampeter a rare specimen of bird, one of which is not known to have ever been seen in that country before. It was a black guillemot, belonging to the auk family, and was a remarkably fine specimen. It is being mounted for a local museum.

E. Reed Shaner, of Pittsburg, a son of the great manager, Elmer E. Shaner, is quite a shot for a boy, and is the pride of his father who will soon have him in shape to defeat "Old Hoss" in a clay bird match. It will be a match between the youngest and oldest shooter in Pittsburg, and the "Young Flicker" will bear watching.

Walter R. Patten, of Pleasure Bay, N. J., defeated Eugene Magee, of Tinton Falls, in a live bird match at Elkwood Park, N. J., on Dec. 23. Patten killed 40 and Magee 37 out of 50 birds, 30 yards rise.

Gus Nowalk, of Brooklyn, won the club championship of the Hell Gate Gun Club, for the season, he having the best average at the monthly live-bird shoots.

The match between W. S. King, of Pitts-

burg, and W. G. Clarke, of Elwood City, which was to have been shot at Pittsburg on Christmas Day, was postponed owing to the sickness of Clarke.

J. C. Dando, of Philadelphia, has just returned from a gunning trip to North Carolina, where he had excellent sport with quail. He reports the birds rather scarce, but killed enough to let his Philadelphia friends have a taste of this delicious game bird.

If Cleveland sportsmen would combine and make a test case of pigeon shooting in the State they would undoubtedly win as every case where the S. P. C. A. interferes the gunner comes out victorious. It was tried in that way at Philadelphia and Baltimore and the S. P. C. A. was defeated and pigeon shooters continued their sport.

H. Sanders, of Albany, N. Y., broke 95 out of 100 targets at the last weekly shoot of the West End Gun Club.

E. E. Morgan won the W. A. trophy offered by the Laffin & Rand Powder Co., at the shoot of the Lakeside Gun Club, at Burlington, Vt., on December 16. His score was 31 out of 50, and he was a scratch man, others having an allowance of extra targets. The day was a terrible one, as the wind was blowing a gale and the thermometer showed 8 below zero.

J. Den defeated "Kid" Gardner at Omaha, Neb., in a match at 100 live birds by killing 54 to 65, for \$100 a side. Den then gave Gardner 5 yards handicap in a 50 bird match, and Gardner won by the score of 38 to 37.

J. Den defeated Montmorency in a 50 live bird match, at Omaha, Neb., on December 17, by the score of 43 to 41.

Harvey McMurchy, of the Hunter Arms Co., will now smile and tell his friends how Charlie Grimm won the "Cast-Iron Medal" from Dr. Carver, and the Smith gun did it.

Fred Gilbert and Ed. Bingham defeated C. M. Grimm and Von Lengerke in a live bird match at Chicago on December 25, by the score of 40 to 39.

Dr. Carver, the great pigeon shot, expects to go to New York in April next, and will be willing to shoot three matches against anyone for \$1000 a match.

J. A. R. Elliott shot at 25 live birds at Dexter Park, L. I., on Dec. 25, and killed 22. The birds were all white and selected for the occasion. Snow covered and made them hard to find. He also shot at ten birds in a match and killed straight. Elliott was using the Winchester repeating shotgun and factory loaded ammunition.

John Shaaber, of Reading, Pa., won the medal at a shoot of the South End Gun Club of that city, by breaking 22 out of 25 Blue Rocks on Dec. 25.

Henry Buckalew, of Bridgeton, N. J., and J. Sirbeck, of Elmer, divided first money in a live bird shoot at Bridgeton, N. J., on Dec. 26. There were 15 entries.

Elwood Martin won a live bird sweep at Richmond, Pa., on Christmas Day by killing eight live birds straight, 21 yards rise.

Albert Eisenhart defeated Elmer Hinkle in a live bird match at Shenandoah, Pa., on Dec. 25. Each man shot at seven live birds, trap and handle, for \$25 a side. Only one barrel was used and Eisenhart won by killing two birds. Considerable money was wagered on the result.

H. Landis, of Philadelphia, a member of the Keystone Shooting League, won a set of silverware in a club shoot on Dec. 26 by breaking 22 out of 25 and then 23 out of 25 in a tie.

Dick Merrill defeated J. Carkeek at Milwaukee, Wis., in a live bird match on Dec. 24 by killing 83 out of 100 birds to 82 for Carkeek. Mr. Merrill will soon start for Texas, where he will spend the winter and will be on hand at the midwinter shoot at San Antonio, Texas, on Jan. 26 to 30.

W. S. King, of Pittsburg, is shooting in such good form that his friends want to match him against J. L. Winston ("147") or even Dr. Carver. If "147" would put up a forfeit to shoot King a match he would undoubtedly find it covered without much delay.

J. L. Winston "147," the Wizard of the West, defeated Fred Gilbert, of Spirit Lake, Iowa, in a match at 100 live birds and 100 targets for \$100 a side. The live birds were 30 yards rise, A. S. A. rules, and the targets were thrown under expert rules. Winston killed 85 live birds to Gilbert's 68, and Gilbert broke 83 to 77 targets, making a total for Winston of 155 to 151 for Gilbert. It seems that the mighty have fallen considerably when Fred Gilbert kills but 68 out of 100 live birds. "147" is stirring trap shooting matters up considerably in the Windy City.

A local paper has the account of a shooting match which occurred near Philadelphia on Dec. 25 that is interesting. It reads: "Glass balls were shot at under Rhode Island rules, 21 yards rise, 80 yards boundary." It must have been an interesting shoot and if a glass ball got out of the 80 yard boundary it was probably scored "dead out of bounds."

John Plankington won the medal at the last shoot of the High School Gun Club, at Pottstown, Pa., on Dec. 21, by breaking 22 out of 25 Blue Rocks.

Royal Robinson, secretary of Limited Gun Club, of Indianapolis, writes us that dates for the sparrow shoot at Indianapolis have been changed to Jan. 20 and 21, instead of 14 and 15. They expect a very large at-

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tendance and those who have never shot at sparrows will find the sport more difficult and interesting than any other they ever experienced.

Conrad Baker, of Philadelphia, who went to Kentucky in the early part of this month to teach the natives down there how to trap crows, returned to his home at Bridesburg on Christmas Eve, after a most successful trip. Baker says he found the people down there great sportsmen, and that his reception and care while there was something to be remembered as long as he lives. He found plenty of crows and was not long in demonstrating his method of catching them. Baker, after teaching the Southerners how to catch the crows, left his net and rig with his pupils.

M. F. Scheffley defeated Sam Slonaker at Pottstown, Pa., on Dec. 24, by killing 8 to 5 out of 10 live birds, 28 yards rise, 50 yards boundary.

Nat Benner, of Boyertown, Pa., again won the silver cup for championship of Berks, Montgomery and Chester counties at Boyertown on Dec. 26. He broke 46 out of 50 targets, closely followed by J. Shaaber, of Reading, who smashed 45.

Dr. Brownell, of Stroudsburg, Pa., won first money in a live bird sweep at Water Gap, Pa., on Dec. 26. He divided first in another sweep and won second money in a third event.

Walter Patten, of Pleasure Bay, N. J., won most of the purses in the sweeps shot at Elkwood Park, N. J., on Dec. 26.

Royal Robinson, secretary of the Limited Gun Club, of Indianapolis, has the sincere thanks of "Sporting Life" for the kind invitation to attend the New Year's shoot of the Limited Gun Club in a team match with the Buckeye Gun Club, of Dayton, O. In the evening a banquet will be given at the Grand Hotel, and we are sure that all present will have a pleasant time. We wish the Limited Gun Club, of Indianapolis, a prosperous year.

William J. Bryan, ex-candidate for President, went on a gunning trip a few weeks ago and on his return was asked by a friend if it was really true that he shot at a rabbit three times before he killed it. Mr. Bryan replied that it was a base falsehood, as he shot three times at the rabbit and did not kill it.

Leroy Overly made best general average for the season in the Stock Yard Gun Club, of Kansas City, with an average of .993 per cent.

Dave Elliott, of Kansas City, a brother of J. A. R. Elliott, won first honors for best general average of the Washington Park Gun Club, of Kansas City, making a general average of .933 and a percentage of .966 for the best eight scores.

Captain E. B. Wadsworth ("Puck"), president of the Boston Shooting Association, won the Laffin & Rand W. A. trophy on December 25 at Boston, Mass.

William Lyman, of Middlefield, Conn., maker and inventor of the Lyman rifle sights, died of pneumonia at New York on December 20. Mr. Lyman was well known to riflemen, and his rifle and shotgun sights were used by prominent marksmen in every part of the world.

H. Al Hofmeister, of Pittsburg, a member of the Pittsburg Rifle Club, won two prizes for shooting at a recent tournament of the Iroquois Club. He is a side partner to "Old Hoss," and can be found at Brown's gun store when not out shooting. He is known as "Young Hoss," and may some day be as great a shot as the other hoss.

John Becker won a 600-pound hog at a shoot near Reading, Pa., on December 26, against a field of 30 contestants.

J. ("147") L. Winston killed 30 live birds

straight at Watson's grounds, Chicago, on Dec. 21.

S. Palmer won the first of a series of live-bird shoots of the Garfield Gun Club, of Chicago, at Watson's grounds, on Dec. 26, by killing 20 straight birds, from the 30-yard mark.

John Watson, manager of Watson's Shooting Park, Chicago, Ill., has been having plenty of matches on his grounds of late, and some of the men have found a number of pretty fast flyers. Watson always has plenty of good birds on hand, and his grounds are well arranged for matches, and John always runs these events in the best manner possible.

Charles Zwerlein, of Yardville, N. J., will hold a live-bird shoot at his grounds on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 1897. The main event will be a 20-bird sweep, \$15 entrance, which includes the price of birds. There will be a good number of entries and a splendid lot of birds, as Zwerlein furnishes only the best.

Daly and Chanfrau, of Long Branch, N. J., announce that the Shrewsbury Handicap will be held at Elkwood Park, N. J., on New Year's day. The conditions are 10 live birds, \$10 entrance. Ten dollars is added by the management if six entries fill. If 10 entries, three high guns. If less than 10 entries, two high guns. Sweeps to follow. WILL K. PARK.

STOCK YARD GUN CLUB.

Leroy Overly Won Best General Average For Season.

Le Roy Overly made the general average for 1896 in the monthly shoot of the Stock Yards Gun Club, at Kansas City. He participated in every monthly shoot and made a general average of .933, while on the eight best shoots, the basis of medal awards, he had a percentage of .966. The averages:

| Name | Tot. birds shot at | Tot. birds killed | Gen. av. | Best 8 shoots |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------|---------------|
| L. R. Overly | 180 | 168 | .933 | .966 |
| R. P. Barse | 75 | 69 | .920 | ..... |
| R. K. Campbell | 150 | 135 | .900 | .925 |
| B. J. Means | 60 | 52 | .866 | ..... |
| G. W. Stockwell | 165 | 142 | .860 | .916 |
| C. I. Mills | 105 | 89 | .849 | ..... |
| C. P. Baldwin | 180 | 152 | .844 | .916 |
| M. Steele | 120 | 101 | .841 | .841 |
| L. J. Gillespie | 30 | 25 | .833 | ..... |
| G. M. Walden | 150 | 121 | .806 | .825 |
| E. F. Fletcher | 105 | 84 | .800 | ..... |
| J. Young | 15 | 11 | .800 | ..... |
| L. O. Nutter | 180 | 137 | .761 | .841 |
| J. E. Fry | 90 | 68 | .755 | ..... |
| C. J. Mustin | 80 | 63 | .790 | ..... |
| A. W. Keock | 180 | 123 | .683 | .753 |
| J. W. Olander | 120 | 78 | .650 | .650 |
| O. Isaacson | 90 | 58 | .644 | ..... |
| B. F. Baldwin | 15 | 8 | .533 | ..... |
| John Nangle | 90 | 43 | .477 | ..... |
| J. C. McCoy | 15 | 5 | .333 | ..... |

Shooting at Stockton.

Charles Scott proved to be the champion shot at the live-bird shoot on the Stockton Gun Club grounds, at Camden, N. J., December 25. There were 15 contestants and Scott won by killing five straight. Peter Greenwalt beat Charles Schuck in a 10-bird match for \$20 a side. Greenwalt killed 10 and Schuck 7. The match between Sam Johnson and Sam Collins for \$20 a side resulted in a win for Johnson, who killed 8 out of 10 birds.

Peter Greenwalt has challenged Charles Scott for a 50-bird match to be shot on New Year's Day.

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